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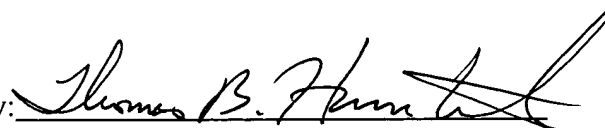
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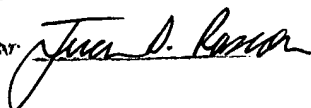
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AMENDMENTS

Clean version of claims, incorporating current amendments.

1. An apparatus for receiving video signals from a plurality of video cameras
wherein the apparatus comprises:
- a) a selector having a plurality of inputs wherein each input receives one of a
plurality of video signals;
 - b) a video decoder coupled to an output of the selector wherein the video
decoder receives a selected one of the plurality of video signals; and
 - c) a controller coupled to the video decoder wherein the controller conditions
the video decoder according to a parameter representative of the selected one of
the video signals.

10. An apparatus for receiving video signals from a plurality of video cameras
wherein the apparatus comprises:

- 3 a) a selector having a plurality of inputs wherein each input receives one of a
- 4 plurality of video signals;
- 5 b) a video decoder coupled to an output of the selector wherein the video
- 6 decoder receives a selected one of the plurality of video signals; and
- 7 c) a controller coupled to the video decoder wherein the controller conditions
- 8 the video decoder according to a plurality of parameters representative of the
- 9 selected one of the video signals.

1 26. A method of receiving video signals from a plurality of video cameras wherein
2 the method comprises steps of:

- 3 a) selecting one of the plurality of video cameras for providing a video signal
- 4 to a video decoder;
- 5 b) retrieving a parameter representative of the video signal from a memory
- 6 store; and
- 7 c) conditioning the video decoder according to the parameter.

1 32. The method according to claim 31 wherein the step of forming a predicted value
2 for the parameter comprises steps of:

- 3 a) calculating a difference between prior value obtained for the parameter
- 4 and a current value obtained for the parameter; and
- 5 b) combining the difference with the current value.